



LE CORDON BLEU®

The medal and the ribbon

In 1578, King Henry III of France established the Order of the Holy Spirit. The knights of this order were identified by a cross pendant hanging from a blue ribbon. The Order of the Holy Spirit, which existed for more than two centuries, was the most prestigious French Royal order, and its knights were often referred to as “Cordons Bleus”.

Their sumptuous meals set a high standard for fine dining. As a result, the expression “cordon bleu” did not take long to become, by association, synonymous with culinary excellence.



The Order of the Holy Spirit



1895

French journalist Marthe Distel publishes a culinary magazine, *“La Cuisinière Cordon Bleu”*.
In October, subscribers are invited to the first Le Cordon Bleu cooking classes.



Magazines Le Cordon Bleu



1897

Le Cordon Bleu Paris welcomes its first Russian student.



Le Cordon Bleu,
rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré,

Paris 8e

1905

Le Cordon Bleu Paris trains its first Japanese student.



Magazine Le Cordon Bleu

1914

Le Cordon Bleu operates four schools in Paris.



Le Cordon Bleu, rue de la Pompe, Paris 16e



The London Daily Mail
16 november 1927

1933

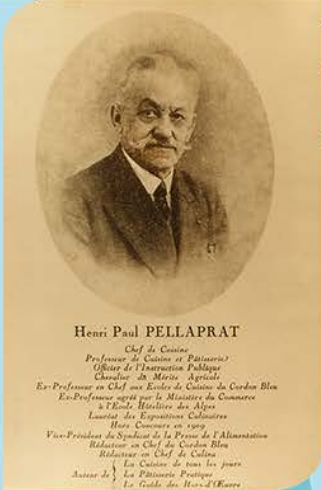
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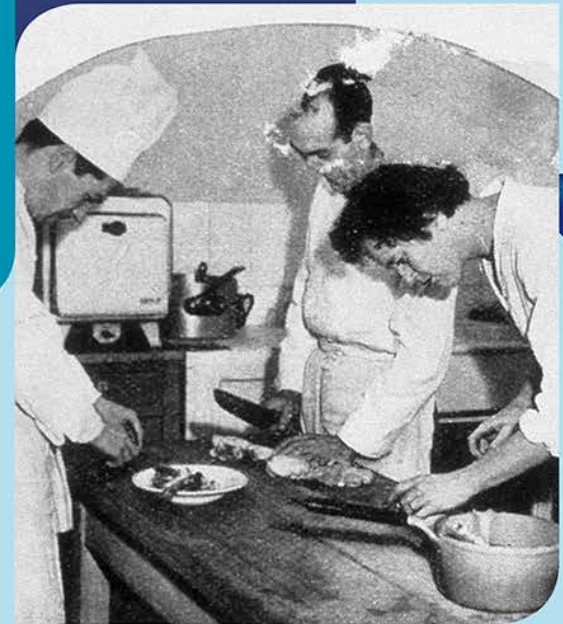
Chef Henri-Paul Pellaprat

1942

Dione Lucas launches Le Cordon Bleu School and Restaurant in New York. She also authors the bestseller “The Cordon Bleu Cook Book” and becomes the first woman to have a televised cooking show in United States.

1948

Le Cordon Bleu is accredited by the Pentagon for the professional training of young G.I.s after their tour of duty. As a former member of the OSS, Julia Child qualifies and enrolls at Le Cordon Bleu Paris.



Julia Child at Le Cordon Bleu Paris

1953

Le Cordon Bleu London creates the Coronation Chicken dish, served to foreign dignitaries at the coronation lunch of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.



Coronation Menu
the Queen Elizabeth II

1954

The success of the Hollywood movie “Sabrina”, directed by Billy Wilder and starring Audrey Hepburn, contributes to the growing fame of Le Cordon Bleu.



Sabrina film poster

1984

The Cointreau family, descendants of the founding families of Rémy Martin and Cointreau liqueur, takes over the presidency of Le Cordon Bleu Paris, following Mrs. Elisabeth Brassart, Director of the school since 1945.



Mister André J. Cointreau
President Le Cordon Bleu International
(1984 à ce jour)



Le Cordon Bleu Paris



Minister
Edouard Balladur
inaugurates
Le Cordon Bleu
school in the
15th district

1988

- Le Cordon Bleu Paris moves from rue du Champ de Mars by the Eiffel Tower to rue Léon Delhomme, in the 15th district of Paris.
- Le Cordon Bleu Ottawa welcomes its first students.



Le Cordon Bleu Ottawa



Le Cordon Bleu Tokyo

1995

1991

Le Cordon Bleu Japan opens in Tokyo and later in Kobe. The schools are known as "Little France in Japan".

- Le Cordon Bleu Paris celebrates its 100th anniversary.
- For the first time ever, the Chinese authorities of the Shanghai District send chefs abroad for training at Le Cordon Bleu Paris.



Le Cordon Bleu Kobe



Agreement between the authorities of Shanghai and Le Cordon Bleu



1996

Le Cordon Bleu Australia begins operations at the request of the New South Wales government, and provides training in preparation for the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney. Management courses are then developed in Adelaide, drawing on Bachelor and Masters degrees and University research on Hospitality, the Restaurant Industry, Culinary Arts and Wine.



1998

Le Cordon Bleu signs an exclusive agreement with the Career Education Corporation (CEC) to bring teaching expertise to the United States and to offer Associate Degrees with a unique curriculum in Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management.



Le Cordon Bleu Peru



2002

Le Cordon Bleu Korea and
Le Cordon Bleu Mexico
welcome their first students.



Le Cordon Bleu Korea

2003

Le Cordon Bleu Peru begins
operations. The institute
flourishes, becoming
number one in the country.



One of the missions of Le Cordon Bleu:
combine French culinary techniques
with local ingredients

Mister André Cointreau,
Meryl Streep and Nora Ephron



2006

Le Cordon Bleu Thailand is launched in partnership with Dusit International.



Le Cordon Bleu Thailand

2009

Le Cordon Bleu schools around the world participate in the release of the Hollywood movie "Julie and Julia", starring Meryl Streep as Julia Child, alumni Le Cordon Bleu Paris.



The acteurs of the film *Julie and Julia* with Le Cordon Bleu students

2011

- Le Cordon Bleu Madrid opens in partnership with the University Francisco de Vitoria.
- The first Le Cordon Bleu online Master of Gastronomic Tourism program is launched.



Le Cordon Bleu Madrid

2012

- Le Cordon Bleu Malaysia is launched with Sunway University College.
- Le Cordon Bleu London moves to a new building in Bloomsbury square.
- Le Cordon Bleu New Zealand opens in Wellington.



Le Cordon Bleu New Zealand



Le Cordon Bleu Malaysia

2013

- Official inauguration of Le Cordon Bleu Istanbul.
- Le Cordon Bleu Thailand receives the award of “Best Culinary School in Asia”.
- An agreement to open Le Cordon Bleu in the Philippines is signed with Ateneo University in Manila.



Le Cordon Bleu Thailand

2014

- Le Cordon Bleu India opens, offering students Bachelor degrees in Hospitality and Restaurant Management.
- Le Cordon Bleu in Lebanon and le Cordon Bleu Hautes Etudes du Goût celebrate their 10th anniversary.



10th year anniversary of the Hautes Etudes du Goût (Advanced Studies in Taste) program

120 ANS



LE CORDON BLEU®

1895 - 2015



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2015

- Le Cordon Bleu's 120th year anniversary is celebrated around the world.
- Le Cordon Bleu Shanghai welcomes its first students.
- Le Cordon Bleu Peru is bestowed University status.
- Le Cordon Bleu Taiwan opens its doors with NKUHT and Ming-Tai Institute.

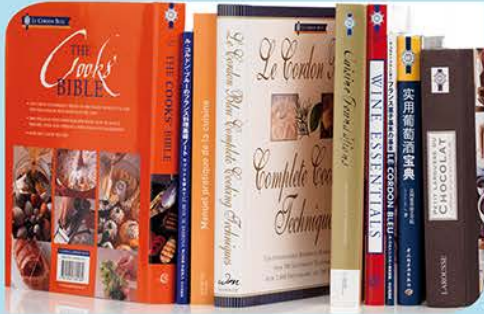
Le Cordon Bleu continues to develop internationally with new openings in Melbourne, Santiago de Chile and Rio de Janeiro.

Le Cordon Bleu continues to develop its activities, broadening the choice of programs available and establishing private and public partnerships.



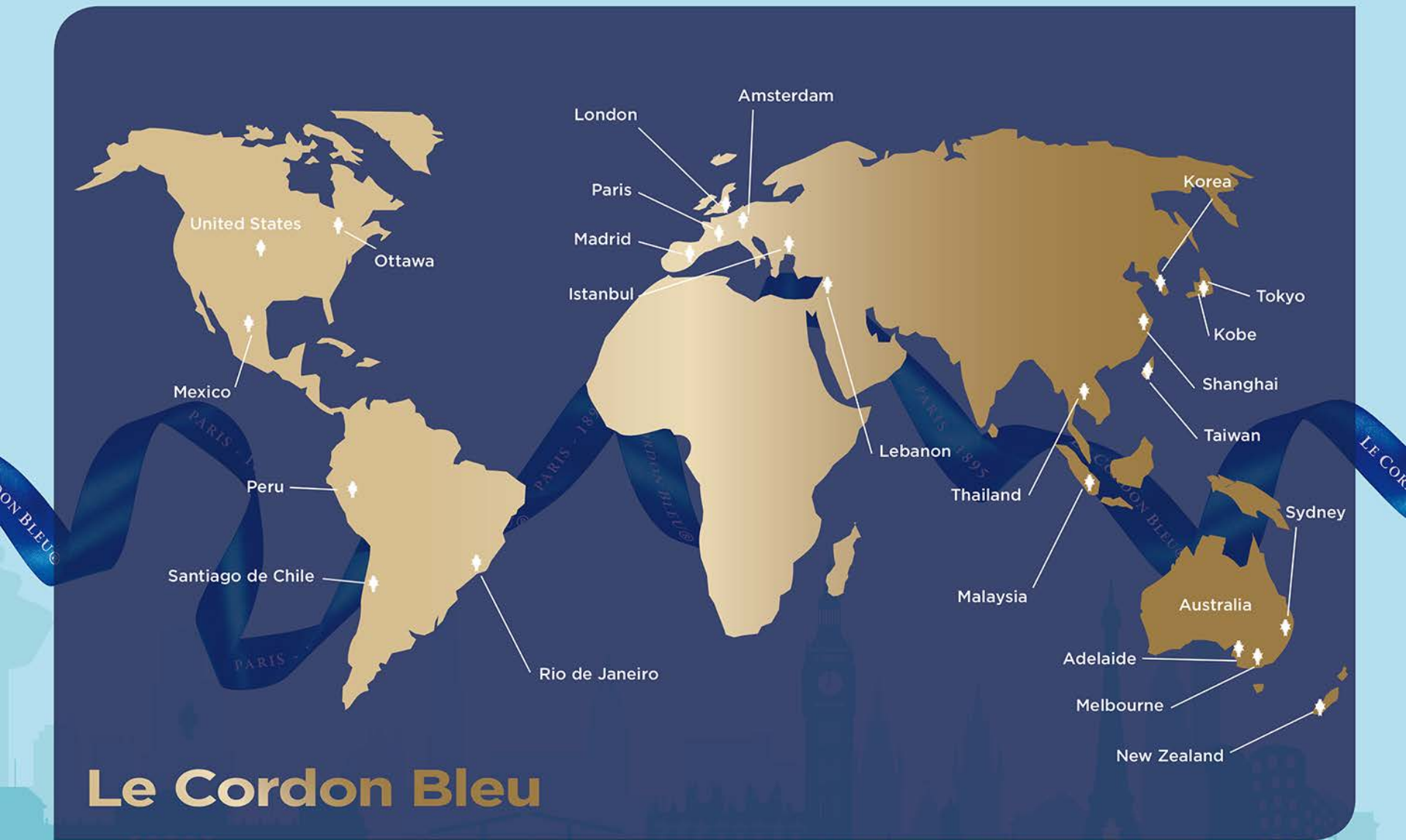
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Le Cordon Bleu regularly publishes cookbooks, many of which have reached a global audience and some of which have become a reference in the world of culinary training. More than 14 million books have been sold worldwide. Le Cordon Bleu Chefs select and recommend gourmet products of the highest quality to present a range of gourmet food and culinary products.



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Culture of Excellence



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